

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yuichi KOBAYASHI et al.

Serial No. 09/431,321

Filed November 2, 1999

CHROME PLATED PARTS AND CHROME  
PLATING METHOD



Docket No.00325/FP/T-22-1199US

Group Art Unit 1741

Examiner M. Feely

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 22, 2000, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Pages 19-20, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 12 with the following:

Using rods (diameter: 12.5 mm; length: 200 mm) made of steel (JIS S25C) as test pieces and a chrome plating bath comprising 250 g/L of chromic acid, 2.5 g/L of sulfuric acid, 8 g/L of organic sulfonic acid and 10 g/L of boric acid, pulse plating was conducted under the following conditions: bath temperature = 60°C; maximum current density  $I_U = 120 \text{ A/dm}^2$ ; minimum current density  $I_L = 0 \text{ A/dm}^2$  (the same as in the case of Fig. 2); pulse time (on-time)  $T_1$  at maximum current density  $I_U = 100$  to 800  $\mu\text{s}$ ; pulse time (off-time)  $T_2$  at minimum current density  $I_L = 100$  to 500  $\mu\text{s}$ ; and frequency

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